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## LAST EDITION. THE AXE DROPS

Two Heads in the Customs Department Fall To-Day.

There Has Been a Big Shake-Up and All Are Uncomfortable.

Ira Ayer the Temporary Successor of Agent Holahan.

Since the conference in Secretary Fairchild's rooms at the Everett House yesterday there have been two removals made by Acting Appraiser Stearns.

The first head to fall was that of Mr. Howard, the private secretary of ex-Appraiser McMullen, who was notified last evening that his services would be no longer required.

This was to be expected because the new Appraiser does not want any of the confidential friends of his predecessor around in his investigations, which he has already begun and is pushing forward as rapidly as possible, with the assistance of Special Treasury Agent Tichenor.

The executive's axe fell the second time this morning, and the head of Examiner Abraham G. Rensen dropped into the sawdust basket with a dull and heavy thud. Mr. Rensen was in the sugar division, and has been connected with the department for twenty years past.

During that period no fault has been found with him, and as the Appraiser would give no reason for his removal, except that it was for cause, his companions in the office thought it must be for some political reason, as the disgraced examiner has always been a Republican.

When this was suggested to Mr. Stearns he became quite indignant and declared that he knew no politicians here and did not want to know any.

"I am going to run this office on business principles while I am in charge here," he said, "and I am responsible to no one but my superior officer."

The story printed in one of the papers this morning to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury had visited the store yesterday, with Col. Jewell and others, and had made an inspection of the building under his escort, Mr. Stearns designated as pure fiction. He had not seen the Secretary since the conference at the Everett House.

He also declined to say anything about any other removals that he might make, but it was learned that he had been a general shake-up in the building.

All the Assistant Appraisers have been moved about to other divisions, the working of which they are not familiar with, while the investigation of Stearns' own department is going on, and there is a big kick all around, because each one feels that suspicious of dishonesty are being cast upon him.

The salary of Examiner Rensen was \$2,500, and of Private Secretary Howard \$2,000. In regard to the advance in salary of the Appraiser Mr. Stearns had nothing to say. His pay in Boston is \$3,000 and here it is \$4,000.

There seems to be a general feeling that the compensation is too low, but it is difficult to get Congress to make a change that there is little hope that anything will be done at present.

Secretary Fairchild's business kept him in town over night, and he did not leave for Washington until 11 o'clock this morning.

He had another secret consultation with Collector Maguire at the Everett House before he went away, the subject of which the Collector refused to divulge.

Col. Jewell, Chief of the Treasury Agents, is still in town, and has appointed Special Agent Ira Ayer to temporarily succeed Mr. Holahan as the official head of the New York office.

Col. Ayer and Col. Montgomery had a long conference with the Treasury Agents, and it is understood that still more sweeping investigations are to be made in other departments of the customs service.

This brings Mr. Burt into the general view, and it is reported that on account of his friendship for Mr. McMullen, whom he is said to have aided in his efforts to restrain the Treasury Agents in their investigation of the Appraiser's department, that he will soon be "in the soup."

Col. Burt is a Mugwump and has previously held the position of Treasury Agent under the administration of President Hayes.

When asked whether he had heard the reports regarding himself, he replied that he had, but added:

"I don't believe they are true, for I have never received no official intimation that I am to be investigated. I think the report must have originated with some of the Treasury Agents who feel unfriendly towards me."

"You were a personal friend of Mr. McMullen?"

"Yes, poor man, and there is no one who feels for him more than I do."

"Your salary is larger than that of the Appraiser?"

"Yes, twice as large, unfortunately for the Appraiser, but fortunately for me. It is an office which has very onerous duties, and the compensation is not sufficient."

Probably the Crew Are Lost.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—All hope for the safety of the Austrian ship, the Lord Warden, now out 108 days, en route from Montevideo to Philadelphia, has been given up, and there is no longer any doubt that she has gone to the bottom. Her crew of 18 men and 18 women, all from near Trieste, Austria.

An Aged Artist's Suicide.

Bernazzoli Pedrazzi, an Italian artist, seventy years old, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself at his residence, 226 East Thirty-fifth street.

## ONCE MORE FOR HIS LIFE.

THE SECOND TRIAL OF JOHN GREENWALL BEGINS IN BROOKLYN.

The Prisoner is Accused of Murdering Lyman S. Weeks, and the Widow of the Dead Man Was the First Witness—Kings County Court of Sessions Crowded by People Who Well Remember the Murder.

The second day of the long delayed trial of John Greenwall for the murder of Lyman S. Weeks was commenced about 10.30 o'clock this morning in the Kings County Court of Sessions.

Long before the court-room doors were opened people crowded the long corridor, eager to obtain admission.

District Attorney James W. Ridgway opened the case by reading the sworn deposition of Dr. Joseph Croamer, who made the post-mortem examination of the murdered man's body.

Mrs. Evadne Weeks, the widow of the deceased, was then called and testified that she had lived at 1071 De Kalb avenue.

On the 15th of March her mother was visiting her.

This was the night on which the murder was committed.

About 11.30 o'clock they all—that is, her mother, husband and herself—went upstairs to their bedrooms. They were about to retire when she heard a noise in the basement as though some one was putting coal upon the fire. She went to see if her mother was in her room, when she again heard the noise.

She detected an odor of sulphur, as though some one was burning matches. She called her husband's attention to it and he finally went downstairs.

She remained at the head of the staircase, and as she stood there she heard voices coming from the basement and finally a fall.

She then rushed to the front window in time to see a man of short stature walk out of the basement door and go rapidly down the street towards Stuyvesant avenue.

Greenwall was here requested by the District Attorney to stand up and turn his back towards the witness.

LYMAN WEEKS, the man she saw run out of her arway on the night of the murder resembled the prisoner in build.

"He did, very much," was Mrs. Weeks' reply.

Lawyer Kinsey in his cross-examination could not in any way shake the testimony of the witness.

During all the examination Mrs. Weeks remained very calm, but frequently applied her smelling salts to her nostrils.

She was attracted in deep mourning, and showed clearly that time had not effaced the memory of the night on which her husband's life was taken.

The next witness was Mrs. Mary E. Ellingham, the mother of Mrs. Weeks' daughter.

"I reside at present with my daughter, the witness, on Throop avenue. I was a visitor at the house, 1071 De Kalb avenue, on the night of Mr. Weeks' death."

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Wannon will remain in this city after the Lannon-Godfrey exhibition and try to get on a match with the winner.

ASHTON WANTS MORE MONEY.

Would Not Meet Wannon for \$500—Wannon Wants to Fight Jim Smith.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—The Athenian Club offered a \$500 purse for a ten-round glove contest between Jack Ashton and Jack Wannon, the English pugilist, now in this city.

Ashton, however, declined the offer, and a \$1,000 purse, \$500 to winner, \$200 to loser.

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ROSE KILLED ROSE.

A Fierce Dog Fight Which in the End Cost the Lives of Both Brutes.

Rose, a New York dog, and Rosie, owned on Staten Island, had a fierce fight in a barn near Passaic, N. J., this morning.

The battle lasted only five minutes less than two hours.

Rose was killed outright, and the Staten Island dog, Rosie, was so badly injured that she was shot to end her misery.

The dogs weighed twenty-two pounds each, and the stakes were \$250 a side.

## HE IS MISSING NO LONGER.

LIBRARIAN GEORGE HANNAH APPEARED AT HIS HOME TO-DAY.

He Came Back Much Fatigued and Would Talk to No One—Mystery Still Surrounds His Whereabouts and Delays Since Saturday Afternoon—Anxiety Had Completely Prostrated His Wife.

George Hannah, the Librarian of the Long Island Historical Society, corner of Clinton and Pierpont streets, Brooklyn, who disappeared so suddenly last Saturday afternoon, returned to his boarding-house, at 352 West Twenty-eighth street, about 10 o'clock this morning.

His wife, who had worried herself sick over his absence, was in bed. He went at once to his apartments, without giving any account of himself or his strange absence.

To an EVENING WORLD reporter, who called at the house shortly after Mr. Hannah returned, the landlady said:

"I do not know what to say. Mr. Hannah is home. That is absolutely all I know. He came alone and let himself in with his key."

"I wanted to question him, but he walked away to his own rooms, leaving orders not to be disturbed, as he was tired."

"Did he appear to be irrational?" asked the reporter.

"Not at all. He did look fatigued, and he was not as neatly dressed as usual, but otherwise he seemed to be himself. His wife is ill in bed and can see no one."

For nearly twenty-five years Mr. Hannah has been the custodian of the books of the Long Island Historical Society. Few faces are more familiar to Brooklynites than his. He is fifty-seven years old, but does not look his age. He is a prominent member of the Brooklyn Club, and very popular socially.

Last September he married Miss Estelle H. Douse, a lady much younger than himself, who had been a fellow-boarder in the Twenty-eighth street house. Their married life has been very happy.

Recently Mr. Hannah has complained of insomnia and pain in the head. Last Saturday he left the Society's room in Brooklyn at 3 o'clock, saying he would return at 4 to keep an appointment with his brother Henry, who is a member of the firm of Russell & Co., at 60 Wall street, in this city.

Henry was there on time, but the Librarian did not appear, and it was feared that he had met with some mishap.

The police of both cities were notified to look for him, but no clue to his whereabouts was found until he returned home of his own accord this morning.

Where he went and what he did while absent, his friends have yet to find out.

DURING THE COLD WEATHER.

Stuyvesant Park Is Closed at Sunset, but the Lamps Will Be Relighted in the Spring.

During the cold weather Stuyvesant Park is used comparatively little in the evening, and, on account of the lack of an appropriation for lighting it, the Park Commission have ordered it closed at sunset temporarily.

Early in the Spring, as soon as the weather warrants, however, the lamps will be relighted, and there is no danger that the pleasure ground, resented to the people by the EVENING WORLD, will ever be taken from them.

If there was a sufficient demand for it the park would be kept open evenings during the winter, but as it is used very little at night, the authorities are not inclined to do so.

THE BOYS DISCHARGED.

No Case Against Fred Emmer and Harris Palmer at Jefferson Market.

Frederick Emmer, the little cripple who lived with his father at 345 West Fortieth street, and Harris Palmer, of 223 Ninth avenue, who were arrested last Saturday night on suspicion of being pickpockets, were discharged this morning by Justice Patterson in the Jefferson Market Police Court.

The woman who was robbed could not identify them, and nothing could be established against them, while the boys accounted satisfactorily for themselves and their money.

Capt. Beighold on Duty Again.

Capt. Beighold, of the West One Hundredth street police, who was run over while making an arrest the day after Christmas, made his first appearance at Police Headquarters this morning.

The Sacramento Club, the new Harlem Democratic organization, expects to take possession of its new quarters, at 2098 Fifth avenue, some day this week.

The Quotations.

Missouri Pacific	100	101	100
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	100	101	100
N. Y. & N. E.	100	101	100
New Jersey Central	100	101	100
Norfolk & Western	100	101	100
N. Y. & New England	100	101	100
Ohio & Erie	100	101	100
Chicago & St. Louis 1st pfd.	100	101	100
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